it is definitely possible for me to say that Pakistan is making an effort in this direction.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Sir, India stands out as a leader in the field of peace in this world. Our track record on the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes is impeccable. There are two views on achieving peace on our planet. The first which is widely held is the elimination of all nuclear weapons. The second held by very leading human rights activists like Prof. Sakharov and French Philosopher Regis Debray is the theory of deterrence, that is, the presence of nuclear weapons itself acts as a deterrent and eliminates their use. Now that everybody knows that the Islamic bomb in the basement of Pakistan is only half a turn away of the screw, will the Government not vacillate any longer and since our track record, as I said, is very clear, will it not vacillate any more and exercise its option so as to send the right signal to those who are in possession of this nuclear arsenal?

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: Sir, one thing I would like to submit to my hon. friend is, let us not call the bombs or weapons by any religious names. Bombs are devastating, but every religion, particularly Islam, is peace-loving. Therefore, I do not like to call any bomb by the name of Islamic bomb ... *(Interruptions)*... Bomb is a bomb ... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Sir, I never discourage any religion. I love it as much as my own religion... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: I am only submitting that it is good for all of us—not you, but all of us— that we should not get taken in by the rhetoric use by the media sometimes and we should be very restrained because we have our own view... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN; Let him come to the answer.. *(Interruptions)*.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: His question is mainly about using it as a deterrent.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: So far as the effectiveness of a particular weapon is concerned, the world is having a review of the whole thing. You have seen for yourself the way the super-powers are having a review about the deterrence or its utility, but that is a different issue altogether. So far as Indian security is concerned, we have to remain constantly conscious and vigilant about things happening around us, be it from the East or from the West.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : सभापति जी, मंत्री महोदय ने मूल प्रश्न के उत्तर में जो जवाब दिया है, वह संतोषजनक नहीं है ।

श्री एन०के०पी० साल्वे: दिया है ?

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : जो कुछ भी दिया है, थोड़ा बहुत . . . (व्यवधान) . . . इसलिए मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि शांति के लिए ही सही, सुरक्षा के लिए ही सही क्या भारत में यह क्षमता है कि यदि पाकिस्तान ने एटम बम का प्रयोग किया तो हम भी उस का जवाब दे सकें ?

श्री सभापति : प्रश्न काल समाप्त ।

Filling of posts of Assistant Engineers (Civil) in the MCD

*306 SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of

HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3094 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 198S and state;

(a) whether the Municipal Corporation of Delhi have since comple. ted the Selection formalities of eligible candidates who were sponsored by the Employment Exchange for the posts of Assistant Engineers (Civil);

(b) whether it is a fact that according to the latest Government policy these vacancies of direct recruits should be filled up within the stipulated time; and

(c) if so, the reasons for which the MCD have been delaying the issuing of 'Offers of Appointment' to these selected candidates?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, *Sir.*

(b) Government's policy is that the vacancies of direct recruits should be filled up expeditiously.

(c) Offers of appointment have already been issued.

Helicopter Service to Fire Services Personnel

♦307. SHRIGHUFRANAZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration had ignored the repeated pleas of the Delhi Fire Service for providing helicopter service} to evacuate the people who happen to be trapped in the multi-storeyed buildings;

(b) whether it is a fact that the naval helicopters had played a vital role in evacuating hundreds of guests and other personnel from the Oberoi Hotel in Bombay which had caught fire recently; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to provide helicopter service to Fire Services in all the cities where high-rise buildings exist; if so, the details the reof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Three sorties were provided by naval helicopters to air drop fire brigade personnel and equipment for fighting the fire in the Oberoi hotel in Bombay. No evacuation was carried out by the naval helicop ters.

(c) Fire services are under the State Governments. It is primarily for them to take measures to improve and modernise the fire services.

In regard to Delhi, no such proposal is under consideration with the Government of India.

बिलासपुर-रांची रोड बरास्ता रायगढ़-जशपुर

*308. श्री लक्खीराम अग्रवाल : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिलासपुर-रांची रोड, बरास्ता रायगढ़–जशपुर को, जो इस समय राज्य सरकार के नियन्त्रणाधीन है, राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित किए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि यह सड़क अधिकांश लम्बाई तक आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में से गुजरती है; और

(ग) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने हाल में इस सड़क को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित करने के लिए सिफारिश की है ?